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FM AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 5239

AMEMBASSY BEIRUT IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: AFSP, ASUP, SY

SUBJECT: STORAGE OF OFFICIAL PROPERTY IN DAMASCUS

REF: BEIRUT 14145

1. THERE IS NO, RPT, NO BONDED COMMERCIAL WAREHOUSE SPACE IN DAMASCUS. THE ONLY BONDED STORAGE FACILITY IS THE DAMASCUS FREE ZONE WHICH HAS UNCOVERED STORAGE IN OPEN FIELD ONLY. COST FOR UNCOVERED STORAGE SPACE IN FREE ZONE IS 20 PIASTERS PER 100 KILOS FOR FIRST WEEK, 30 PIASTERS PER 100 KILOS FOR SECOND AND THIRD WEEK, 40 PIASTERS PER 100 KILOS FOR FOURTH WEEK AND PERIODS THEREAFTER. FYI: L.S. 3.65 EQUAL \$1.00.

2. WE ARE TRYING TO CONTACT GENERAL MANAGER OF DAMASCUS FAIR AREA TO SEE IF IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO LEASE STORAGE SPACE IN ONE OF THE COVERED PAVILLIONS. IF SPACE AT FAIR GROUNDS IS AVAILABLE, WE WILL THEN HAVE TO CHECK WITH SYRIAN CUSTOMS TO SEE IF THEY WOULD PERMIT US TO STORE UNCLEARED PROPERTY OUTSIDE OF FREE ZONE AREA. WE ARE ALSO CHECKING WITH A LOCAL

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ZONE AREA. WE ARE ALSO CHECKING WITH A LOCAL

CONTRACTOR WHO MIGHT HAVE SOME COVERED SPACE  
IN SUBURBS OF DAMASCUS ON ROAD TO AMMAN.

3. WITH ONCOMING RAINY SEASON, STORING OF  
PROPERTY IN UNCOVERED AREAS WOULD BE  
RISKY UNLESS CONTAINERS ARE ABSOLUTELY WATER-  
TIGHT. CONSIDERATION MIGHT BE GIVEN TO LEASING  
STEEL CONTAINERS FROM A SHIPPING LINE IN BEIRUT  
IF STEEL CONTAINERS AVAILABLE THERE.

4. WE WILL ADVISE DEPARTMENT AND BEIRUT AS  
SOON AS WE HAVE INFORMATION REGARDING COVERED  
WAREHOUSE SPACE AND POSSIBILITY OF OBTAINING  
SYRIAN CUSTOMS PERMISSION TO STORE MATERIAL  
OUTSIDE OF THE FREE ZONE.  
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